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Reaching for success

Riley Boermans reaches for the birdie while his doubles partner Liah Gallant looks on during the senior Kawartha pre-qualifying tournament held at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Tuesday, April 4. The pair came third, and all participating HHSS badminton players qualified for this week's tournament at Kenner High School in Peterborough. See more photos on page 10.
/VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Head Lake Park playground raises nearly \$100,000 in one month

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

Since launching the Head Lake Park playground fundraising initiative on Mar. 14, the committee has raised \$98,450 in donations, which is two thirds of their goal, from generous community members and businesses excited to see the project break ground.

The project must still raise \$50,000 to meet their goal, and the committee is calling for more donations.

Bob Bullock, general manager of Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC Ltd., presented the Head Lake Park playground fundraising committee with \$10,000, and Jim and Myra Blake donated \$5,000, on Thursday, Apr. 6.

"A playground is a really vital part of the community," said Jim Blake. "It's

important to have a playground like this because it is part of the community commons. There's very few things people can do that are free. This means that people of any income level have access to exactly the same opportunity for play."

Curry Motors decided to maximize their playground donation this year by using all funds that would usually go towards their Easter Egg Hunt.

"We wanted to give back to the com-

munity in the biggest way possible this year," said Bullock.

Blake was once a leader at the Adventure Playground at the Harbourfront in Toronto and worked with the YMCA in children's camping and outdoor services. He is familiar with the benefits of outdoor play to help children develop skills and become more independent.

"The whole idea of risky play is really see **PLAYGROUND** page 2

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Playground essential for child development, says donor

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important for child development, and by risky, it's just kids pushing themselves slightly beyond their boundaries. So if you have a playground that has all these gradations of challenge to them, but is still safe, to the kids, that is a challenge to go one level up," Blake said.

He said a built environment of play structures allows children to choose their own challenges with the supervision of adults.

"Little kids feel like they're on their own, but they also know that adults are close by so they can explore on their own. Kids develop at different ages, but they can choose which part of the playground is going to be challenging for them," he said.

According to Participation studies, children involved in "risky" play outdoors are far more active than children who play indoors.

"It is important for child health and for physical, emotional, and social development," Blake said.

Because the playground will be situated in the heart of Head Lake Park, Blake said it will remove economic differences.

Families can spend a day in the park, and there is something for everyone.

"Head Lake Park has the library, which is also a place that everyone can go to for free and take out books, and it also has the Rails End Gallery where everyone can go for free and be involved in the gallery," Blake said. "The park has all sorts of other sports related things, whether it's basketball, tennis, swimming, or frisbee golf. A whole family can come to the park, and it can be a whole family event."

Nicole Baumgartner Spooner of the playground fundraising committee said the group is overwhelmed by the support shown by the community.

"We want everyone to know that this is your playground, this is your community. We have made huge progress, but we need your continued support and participation," Baumgartner Spooner said. "No donation is too small, and every little bit helps us plant the seeds for this project. Even if you simply share our social media accounts or the link to the GoFundMe page, it all



Jim Blake, left, presents a donation to Nicole Baumgartner Spooner of the Head Lake Park playground fundraising committee, and Bob Bullock, right, presents a donation to Dysart programs and events manager Andrea Mueller at the playground site in Haliburton on Thursday, April 6. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

counts."

She said one family even asked for playground donations in lieu of birthday gifts.

"That is a testament to the generosity of Haliburton Highlands. Thank you Haliburton, together we are making great things happen," she said.

Blake said this is a huge investment and an opportunity for community members to contribute to something that will be around for children for the next 25 years.

"I read about one community member donating \$5,000, and decided to match that. I'm definitely not

expecting everyone to match that much, but if you can, why not. If it's \$20, that's going to make a difference. Those donations add up, and this really makes it a community playground," Blake said.

To donate to the playground fundraiser's GoFundMe, visit gofund.me/a833f6dc. Physical donations can be made out to the Municipality of Dysart et al and dropped off to Century 21 Granite Group, Baumgartner Realty Group, or the municipal office in Haliburton.



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The Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are looking for information that may assist in identifying a person in relation to a robbery investigation.

On Apr. 3, at approximately 4:21 p.m. a lone individual entered a business on Hops Drive in Municipality of Dysart et al. The person displayed an edged weapon and obtained a quantity of cash and alcohol. The person is described as white, approximately 5'9", heavy build, wearing a black leather jacket, grey Reebok hoodie, blue jeans, black balaclava and gloves. This person was also carrying a black and red duffle bag. The person left in a brown four-door, GMC Sierra pickup truck with a tonneau cover. There were no injuries reported to police.

Businesses and drivers in the area during that time with dashcams or security cameras are being asked to check their footage for any suspicious activity.

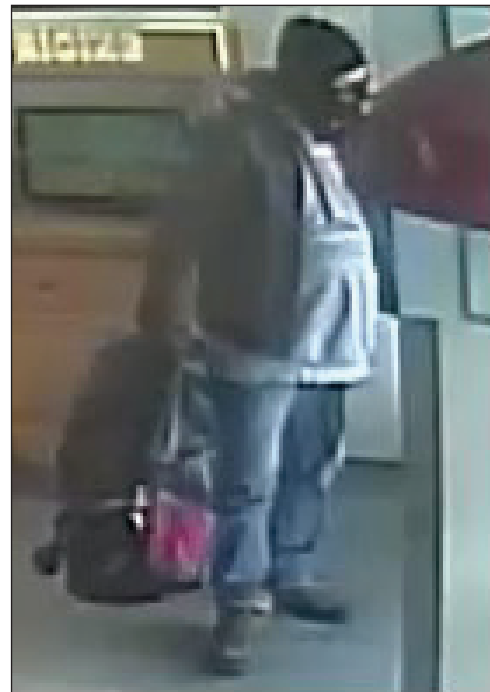
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Council asked to rethink snowmobile staging area

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Some Algonquin Highlands residents are against a proposal to allow a county-wide snowmobile club to establish a staging area in their neighbourhood.

Glenn Kean brought residents' opposition to township council during an April 6 public meeting.

He said they're against council's February decision to allow a multi-season pilot project that would enable Haliburton County Snowmobile Association to have a staging area on Heron Landing Road.

Concern is stoked by the excessive noise caused by snowmobile traffic. He

said it's particularly loud on weekends.

"It's especially loud when multiple trail users arrive in the area, which is usually early in the morning, and then proceed to offload their snowmobiles and let them idle while preparations are being made," he said.

Residents get to experience the nuisance racket again, he said, when trail users return to the staging area after their outback jaunt.

Weekends are basically the only time residents can enjoy peace and quiet, given the neighbourhood's proximity to a commercial quarry. The week days are disrupted by blasting and aggregate crushing at the quarry.

"Given the short period of time that the

parking area has been in use, in February and March of this year, we can only imagine what next winter will bring," Kean said. "When the area becomes more well-known, it is likely to bring far more users for a longer period of time."

Opening the area to one group brings the potential for the area to become a staging area for other groups in the future. If taxpayer's money is used to accommodate the snowmobile club, how can a possible kayaker group or motorcycle club be refused?

Council's decision may have an impact on property values, he said. And there are potential security issues related to an influx of non-residents accessing the street.

Snowmobile trail users have even used residential driveways as space to turn around their trailer-laden vehicles.

"This type of unwanted entry onto my property has never occurred prior to council's approval," he said.

Mayor Liz Danielsen said council has only agreed to open that area to staging on a trial basis. She said council will take his comments into consideration before a decision is made on if and how the area will be used.

"There's been nothing determined about any long-term use there," she said. "We wanted to see how this turned out, basically. And I can see that there is definitely a downside to some of the residents."



Storm makes it to OMHA Championship

The U13 Highland Storm Walkers Heating and Cooling team hit the road for the final OMHA Championship in Barrie on Thursday, March 30. The team lost after game four, but had a successful season. /Submitted

Jumping in for a good cause

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

With a steadily increasing need for the Minden Community Food Centre (MCFC), organizers have decided to make a big jump to raise money ... literally.

On Apr. 6, the MCFC launched their first official social media campaign to raise funds for their ongoing programming. The "Jump in the Lake" challenge was informally kicked off by a sole local diver by the name of Amanda Federchuk several years ago.

Federchuk would raise money from her friends and family with the incentive of jumping in the lake as the ice began to thaw each spring, and she would donate the funds to the MCFC. With that original idea in mind, MCFC manager Jean Munroe thought that there would be an opportunity to jump on the unique idea. "I thought, let's expand this idea, and turn it into something for the whole community," she told the *Echo*.

Munroe noted that with social media, there are opportunities to involve a new demographic, and not only expand their donor base, but also educate individuals across the region about the work that the MCFC does.

This awareness is key to expanding their reach, and helping more families, shared Munroe.

In 2022, the MCFC was providing food for an average 232 people per month. Four months into 2023, and that number has jumped to an average of 260 per month, with no signs of slowing down as the year progresses.

"We are seeing lots more families," said Munroe, "with most of the issues stemming from food prices, cost of housing, and layoffs." But that's not the only demographic of MCFC users on the rise. "We are also seeing a huge increase in seniors using the services," she said. "Many are finding it difficult to manage their budget these days."

Munroe hopes that by launching the "Jump in the Lake" campaign, the MCFC can elevate their online presence, and add a level of "sophistication" to what they do.

Plus, at the end of the day, it's a fun event. Munroe hopes to get as many people involved as possible, including local businesses. "I want to go down and talk to businesses and challenge them to get involved," she said. "I think it would be fun to get a little competition, a little rivalry going, to see how much we can raise."

The main jumping day is set for May 6, which will conclude the month-long fundraising initiative. Folks are encouraged to form a team to raise money, or they can participate solo. On the final day, all participants will dive in the recently-thawed out local lakes, and share images and videos of the big jump in an attempt to raise awareness and funds for the MCFC. The campaign has a target goal of \$10,000 overall.

If folks are not interested in taking the jump, they are also welcome to donate via the MCFC website or in-person at 24 Newcastle Street in Minden. All donations will be met with an immediate charitable tax receipt. To register a team or to make an online donation, visit www.mindenfoodbank.org.

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Environmental Summit a huge success

CHRIS DROST

Staff Reporter

It took a great deal of planning by organizers, the Bancroft Area Stewardship Council, Trent University and Algonquin Park staff, but it all paid off on March 31 when approximately 150 high school students descended on the Visitor Centre for the 2023 Environmental Summit.

The Summit, themed “Youth, careers and climate change,” brought together high school age students from Barry’s Bay, Haliburton, Bancroft, and Peterborough, to learn first-hand from a hand-picked selection of speakers known as experts in their field.

“There was so much planning and so many groups coming together to make this happen. It was exciting to see the first bus full of students pull up,” said BASC chair, Ian Hendry.

The event was made possible by donations from several organizations and local businesses including the Whitney and Area Algonquins who provided both the lunch and bussing from their traditional area in Bancroft and Barry’s Bay, Freymond Lumber, Tim Hortons, Mack Attack Outdoors, Algonquin Forestry, McRae Lumber, Trent University, Fleming College, the Bancroft chapter of the Woodlot Association and Bancroft Area Stewardship Council. Algonquin Park kindly provided the exclusive use of the Visitor Centre for the day.

The morning got off to a start with introductions by Summit co-chairs, Steve Wilkins, BASC director, and Ryan Sisson, manager, Community and Workplace Partnerships coordinator, Trent Community-based Research Department of Co-cop, Careers and Experiential learning. “We hope to heighten interest in an environmental career. This day is possible because of a commitment from a lot of volunteers,” said Wilkins. Tyson gave special thanks to Matthew Walmsley from Trent, who looked after many of the logistics for planning the event.

Park superintendent, John Swick, welcomed everyone to the park and shared some of his experience with the students. He explained that he has worked in a lot of places but this one is unique, because of the role community plays in it. “I started working in provincial parks 40 years ago. I think of all the cool things I have done, called for wolves, been in every piece of aircraft the Ontario government has, and



Ryan Sisson (left), manager, Community and Workplace Partnerships coordinator, Trent Community-based Research Department of Co-cop, Careers and Experiential learning, and co-chair of the Environmental Summit, Steve Wilkins, director of the Bancroft Area Stewardship Council, are all smiles as students filed to the Algonquin Visitor Centre for the first Environmental Summit. CHRIS DROST Staff

I got to fish, sometime as part of my job. My family got to live in some interesting places. This is the start of the conversation. We need you kids in this park. We want you to make a commitment to the environment and start here in Algonquin Park,” he added.

Whitney and Area Algonquin representative, Margaret Haskins, gave the land acknowledgment.

The keynote speaker, Nick Lacombe, then shared with the students, his role at Algonquin Park’s Harkness Laboratory of Fisheries. Lacombe is a graduate of Fisheries and Wildlife at Fleming College who then transferred to Trent University to complete a degree in biology.

During the first breakout session, some students opted to hear speaker, Bob Henderson share his knowledge of guiding with a presentation called “Outdoor Travel Guiding: It’s More than you think!”

Another group chose to attend a talk by Julie Antler from the Bancroft Minden Forest Company about how to manage forests for a changing climate.

Micheline Mamone from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, shared her understanding of human-wildlife coexistence while a fourth group learned about the environment from an Indigenous perspective

with speaker, Margaret Haskins from the Whitney and Area Algonquins.

The final group in the first breakout session headed outdoors with Peter Simons from Ontario Parks for a “Fireside Birding Session.”

Following a bagged lunch kindly provided by the Whitney and Area Algonquins, the students had an opportunity for the second breakout session where they could learn about such topics as “A career path in forestry,” with Virginia deCarle of Forests Ontario, “A Day in the Life of an Ecologist with Abbey Garden’s Cara Steel, “Wildland Fire Management” with Kenny Cox from the MNRF’s Aviation, Forest Fire and Emergency Services, and “Invading Species Awareness Program” with Brook Schryer of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. Another group also headed outdoors for the “Fireside Birding Session.”

The final breakout session included a presentation by Gord Cumming of the Algonquin Forestry Authority, called, “Sustainable Forest Management in Algonquin Park.” Additionally, the Algonquin Research Station’s Kevin Kemmish, helped students understand the “History and Current Projects of the Algonquin Wildlife Research Station.” Ben Gwilliam of the Ontario Woodlot Association also informed the students

about “Measuring our Forests in the 21st Century” in a presentation that was part indoors and part outdoors. A final group participated in the outdoor Fireside Birding Session and Walk,” while others did a self-guided tour of the exhibit space.

A selection of display booths was located in the hall where students and speakers could network throughout the day and learn about other programs and volunteer and educational opportunities.

Brooke Sakers, enrolment advisor, was in the lobby to speak with students about future educational opportunities, including Fleming College’s Pathways to Trent.

Following the event, one of the students from North Hastings, Jaxsyn Gillis, said he liked that the Summit was geared towards career pathways in environmental science and that it was for a full range of learners. “I thought the seminar lengths were just right to stay engaged. Lunch was superb, way more than anyone expected,” he said. Jaxsyn also liked that there were clear examples on how people were able to start small and build to a successful career. “I like the invasive species session the best,” he added.

The schools and students were very pleased that the event was free as few trips happen due to costs and it often excludes families who cannot afford the expense.

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Volunteers make our world turn

“WE MAKE a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give,” said Winston Churchill. I’ve said it more than once, and I’ll say it again.

Volunteers make our little corner of the world turn.

They are the adhesive holding together our intricate mosaic of people and places in the Highlands.

We are a lot of things with them, but without them, the picture of the county wouldn’t have half the colour it does now.

National Volunteer Week this year goes from April 16 to 22.

It’s a week dedicated to celebrating volunteers across the country, but the volunteers in Haliburton definitely deserve their own recognition.

Next week, the *Echo* and *Times* will have a section dedicated to volunteers, because anyone who uses their own time to do something that will benefit others is so important.

When thinking about what makes them so special, I remembered a book I read for a class in high school called *The Four Agreements*.

The book highlights four simple ways to become happier and freer in our everyday lives.

Volunteers really have it figured out, because the fourth agreement is to “always do your best.”

Further, we should always do our best no matter who is watching or whether we will be praised or not.

“Doing your best is taking action because you love it, not because you’re expecting a reward ... If you take action just for the sake of doing it, without expecting a reward, you will find that you enjoy every action you do,” reads the book.

Most of the volunteers I know are silent heroes.

They aren’t just doing what they do because they are humble, (though they often are), they are mostly doing it because they genuinely love to help others.

Going back to Churchill’s quote, we all need to get money to make a living. It’s why we have jobs.

If you happen to love your job, it’s a huge bonus, and it also motivates you to invest time and energy into it.

But what life should really be about is how we can help each other and the planet because we want to.

To their core, volunteers are the definition of selfless.

They may be aiding in a separate areas, but each provide an important service to the community, whether it’s helping with a spring roadside cleanup, running a sports team at one of the schools, being part of a service club, helping fundraise for an initiative like the playground, or organizing one of our favourite events, Haliburton wouldn’t be Haliburton without them.

Giving their time, knowledge, and skills just because they love people and the community is so admirable.

If you are part of a volunteer organization working in the Highlands, you deserve recognition on Volunteer Week.

Written or photo submissions for our Volunteer Week papers can be sent to myself, vivian@haliburtonpress.com, or Emily Stonehouse, emily@haliburtonpress.com.

Also keep an eye out next week for ways to get more involved in volunteer organizations, because again, life is all about what we give, not what we get.



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Editorial

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Easter Sunday on Pelaw Lake

by Laura Smith

Space

I T’S EASTER Sunday, and Jim, Billie Rose (BR - our dog) and I are in Tobermory staying with friends at their beautiful cottage.

After a very full day, I was getting ready for bed and took BR out for one last time.

I stepped outside and was immediately in the presence of the evening sky that was full of stars and the bright moon.

We walked down to the edge of the water and stood, taking it all in.

I just love the feeling of space. The space above me, the space below me, the space in front of me and behind me and space on both sides of me.

I was surrounded by space. I think space might be just the medicine the doctor ordered for me right now. Sometimes we all need space from our everyday lives.

As we stood by Lake Huron, I was aware that there is space everywhere. In between all the stars and planets in the sky. Around the moon. In between the trees we walked through to get to the edge of the water. There is space in between all the rocks that we were walking on.

There was space in the water we were overlooking. Sometimes in life, all we need is a little space to give us perspective.

As BR and I stood there, I felt a sense of awe and of being a very small part of the universe. But a part, nonetheless.

I felt connected to all life at that moment. Connected to beauty. So alive. And I was so happy to be sharing it with BR.

I stood there and became very present. I felt my body breathing, I felt my feet on the ground and the warmth in my hands.

I set the intention to be present. I didn’t want to miss this moment.

I thought about the wisdom traditions I have studied that teach each of us are also filled with space. In yoga and meditation, we connect with what some call our inner spaciousness. Our inner aliveness. Our secret beauty.

Parker Palmer, in his book, *A Hidden Wholeness: The Journey Toward An Undivided Life – Welcoming the Soul and Weaving Community in a Wounded World* alludes to this inner spaciousness that sits at the centre of each of us.

Parker says this about our inner space, “Thomas Merton calls it the True Self. Buddhists call it original nature or big self. Quakers call it the inner teacher or the inner light. Hasidic Jews call it a spark of the divine. Humanists call it identity and integrity. In popular parlance people call it the soul.”

Many people I know call this inner space the presence of love.

Love that sits at the centre of us and is always there for us to take refuge in. Space is love.

Aren’t we lucky to live in a part of the world where we have so much space around us?

Tales from the great



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Stair master

THE OTHER day, I was talking to my oldest daughter Jennifer and catching up on the progress of my grandkids. The breaking news was that Casey, my two-year-old granddaughter, is now able to count to ten. Jennifer said Casey accomplished this as she climbed up the stairs and counted every step on the way up to her bedroom for bedtime. Not to brag, but this is a bit of a family tradition.

You see, I also learned to count to ten on stairs. The only difference was I was tumbling down them at the time.

I only mention this because I think, in this day of fancy elevators and escalators, we do not give stairs all the credit they deserve. In fact, we hardly think of them at all.

Yet, I learned many of my most important life lessons because of stairs. Without an early exposure to stairs, I would not have learned about the adverse effects of gravity, where my tailbone is, how to do an involuntary somersault, along with the value of

situational awareness and why working elevators are important in multi-story buildings.

Because of stairs, I also learned new words, like “newels”. That word, as well as the term “soprano”, entered my vocabulary after coming to an abrupt stop after sliding recklessly down a banister at a fairly young age.

In many ways, the staircase in the house I grew up in was my best teacher.



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Loon Tales

That’s why I gave this a lot of thought after hearing about Casey’s first stair-inspired lesson. I also realized that, for all the things that stairs taught me, I did not know very much about them at all.

So, I began envisioning how exciting it must have been to be the first people to witness a completed set of stairs.

I think it is fair to presume, that like all great inventions, the stair was stumbled upon, accidentally. I suspect, the first set was created by an apprentice carpenter who was really bad at making ramps.

And, if I am not mistaken, this soon led to the invention of the Slinky, which is one of mankind’s greatest technological achievements and, once I figure out why, likely the subject of a future column.

The first stair must have been a real marvel of technology to people who were only used to ramps and slopes. After all, a stairway is like a ramp for lazy people.

I can imagine the first stair salesman making his pitch. “What’s so good about these?” The customer must have asked.

“Well,” the salesman might have replied. “They are like ramps, but with a lot of bench seating.”

“People want that?”

“Yes, they are very trendy...”

And he was right.

Having stairs allowed the builders of that time to dream big. But there were other benefits too.

With improved stair technology, they could build second and even third floors, which, quite predictably, led to an expansion of our numerical system into the double and possibly triple digits which, unless I am mistaken, is where we remain today.

Also, because of stairs, humanity perfected the wheeze, which, if you think about it, led to the concept of fitness, which led to watching what you eat, jogging, regular exercise and perhaps even bicycle shorts. Which is to say, every new technology has a downside too.



pic of the past

Warrant Officer Dan Varty of Haliburton, third from left, is pictured with the Prince and Princess of Wales, Charles and Diana, in Ottawa during their royal visit to Canada in 1983 with other members of the 412 Royal Canadian Air Force transport squadron of Trenton. /Submitted by Marvin Varty

Community cardboard village workshops

The Arts Council Haliburton Highlands is inviting families with children from five to 12 years of age to join local artists for a hands-on collaborative project.

We are offering workshops in two locations, to be presented over three Saturdays in May (6, 13, and 20) in Haliburton and in Wilberforce.

Together, we will construct cardboard buildings of local landmarks creating our magnificent villages, along with scenery, roads, vehicles and villagers. We will add signage and stories to go with the buildings that share history, interesting facts and some folklore. The final Cardboard Village Art Creation will be on public display for the month of June, 2023.

The workshops are free to the community

and families are invited to attend all three in their location or drop in at one or two.

Haliburton Dates: May 6, and May 20 at the SIRCH Bistro and Marketplace; and May 13 at the Haliburton County Youth Wellness Hub. Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Wilberforce Dates: May 6, May 13 and May 20 at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Community Centre. Time: 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Preferred Registration, and for further information go to the Home page of: www.haliburtonarts.on.ca

Brought to you by ACHH and Kennis Lakes “Art on the Dock” with our partners: Haliburton County Public Library; Haliburton County Youth and Wellness Hub; and Municipality of Dysart et al.

Submitted

Gooderham celebrates Earth Day

As climate change focuses more of our attention on the places we inhabit, students and families are invited to come celebrate Earth Day in Gooderham on Saturday, Apr. 22.

The event will feature a community cleanup of the surrounding area as well as earth-friendly displays including Bee Keeping, Worm Composting, Fossils, Geocaching and children’s activities. There will also be hot dogs and refreshments for sale over the noon hour (free for those who help with the community cleanup) as well as baked goods.

“This is a wonderful family event that will raise awareness of our environment and the

need to take care of it,” said Deborah Rohr, lead event organizer for the Gooderham Community Action Group.

It all happens at the Robert McCausland Community Centre with the volunteer cleanup of town areas running from 9:45 a.m. to noon. Earth Friendly displays will start after noon and run to 3 p.m.

High school students are encouraged to participate in the event as part of their community hours volunteering.

Submitted

Inviting all ages to join

Aging Together as Community is inviting all ages to join their meeting on Saturday, April 15 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at the Minden Community

Centre.

Bring a friend, your grandchild. Refreshments are provided.

A new chapter for Occurrence owners

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

It's the end of an era for Haliburton County locals Brigitte Gall and Michael Bainbridge as they head off to pursue a new adventure in Ottawa.

Bainbridge was recently offered the position of assistant collections manager for mineralogy at the Canadian Museum of Nature. The unique job opportunity meant that the couple and their children will be relocating to a new community. "We are so excited that Michael got

his dream job," Gall shared with the *Echo*, "but there are mixed feelings about leaving our little community for sure. I love the trees, I love the river, so much of our lives happened here."

In the winter of 2018, the couple embarked on a different dream: puzzles. During a particularly cold night, they found themselves and their friends stranded at a house party, all unable to leave due to the frigid temperatures. They watched as their companions circled around a coffee table with scattered puzzle pieces; absent-mindedly putting bits and pieces together as the conversations carried on late into the frosty night.

It was that evening that the concept of "The Occurrence" was born; a homegrown and Haliburton-proud jigsaw puzzle company. With high resolution photographs, museum-grade pigment inks on satin paper, and glued with archival adhesive onto 100 per cent recycled Eska board, the puzzles have taken off like wildfire, selling at trade shows, local shops, and online.

"We absolutely could not have done this anywhere else in the world," shared Gall. She believes that this "wacky" idea was something that was supported, encouraged, and embraced by the community of doers and dreamers in the Haliburton Highlands. "We have a community of volunteers, of artists, of friends here, and that was truly what made the difference between surviving and not," she said.

Gall also referenced the immense amount of support they received from the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC), and local businesses who carried their puzzles.

When asked about next steps for the business, Gall laughed. "Puzzle world domination? Is that a thing?" she chuckled. The couple has visions of expanding the business upon their relocation to the Ottawa region. "There is limited industrial space here," Gall said, referring to Haliburton County. They hope to find a space where their business can continue to expand. "It really has already grown in ways we never could have imagined," she said, "and the goal is to really continue to grow the company."

While The Occurrence's physical business location on Industrial Park Road in Haliburton closed its doors on April 1, puzzles will continue to be available online at www.theoccurrence.ca or at Up River locations in Minden and Haliburton. Gall and Bainbridge will also continue



Brigitte Gall and Michael Bainbridge, the owners of The Occurrence puzzle factory, are taking their next steps and relocating from Minden to outside of Ottawa. They will continue making puzzles, and puzzles will be available at Minden and Haliburton Up River locations. /Photo submitted

to offer the option of custom puzzles based on submitted images via their website.

While there is excitement about the next steps, both Gall and Bainbridge are feeling reminiscent about the support they received from the community during their chapter in the Haliburton Highlands. "I just want to thank everyone so much," said Gall, "I want to thank the people who came into our little store, the people who believed in it, the people who cared so much, without all of you, we could never have done any of this."



Notice

(Applicant - 1083 Hutton Drive Cottage Association)

In the matter of the Municipal Act and in the matter of a proposed By-Law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East to close, stop-up and convey certain portions of Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance for road along the shore of Koshlong Lake, more particularly hereinafter described.

Notice Is Hereby Given, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, May 9, 2023**, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 12, Concession 15, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on Plan 19R-10762 made by **Bishop Geyer Surveying Inc., completed December 19, 2022.**

The Plan of Survey is available to you for inspection by you making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or e-mail the Municipal Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting.

Any person or his or her counsel, solicitor or agent who attends the virtual meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the within matter.

And Take Further Notice that if the public wishes to participate regarding the purchase of Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance please contact the Municipal Clerk.

Dated at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 4th day of April, 2023.

Robyn Rogers, Municipal Clerk
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Stations of the Cross on Easter

Members of St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton gather after the Easter Sunday service on April 9 to stand with the Stations of the Cross station 3 artwork. The Stations of the Cross is an annual Easter tour of artwork created by local residents placed at participating churches in the county. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff

Egg hunt smiles

Abbey Garden's Easter at the Gardens event on Saturday, April 8 was a huge success, featuring an egg hunt, photos with the Easter Bunny, a scavenger hunt, craft making, and selfies with ponies. /Submitted



Humans of the Highlands

Local podcaster giving a voice to 'unique challenges'

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

"My entire life I've been a talker, thought I might as well make a career out of it," laughed Benen Dykstra, podcaster and voiceover artist, as he chatted about his story with the *Echo*.

Dykstra was born ten weeks early, which resulted in a diagnosis of Spastic Quadriplegia Cerebral Palsy; a condition that impacts his left arm, and both his legs. "Cerebral Palsy, like many things, is a spectrum," he shared. "Some people aren't able to speak, some can't use their arms, some can't use their legs, I think it's important to note that every individual is different."

Growing up, he gave himself the nickname of "Rolling Dragon" in high school. "I wanted to really own the fact that I'm in a wheelchair," he said, "and dragons are these mythical creatures. They have no limitations. And I wanted to be like that. No limitations."

Dykstra has a deep love for "anything artsy", sharing that he has spent five years working on a fantasy novel, has dabbled in recording music, and in October of 2022, he launched his original podcast, titled Sit Down and Stand Out.

"I am trying to eliminate all these stupid stigmas that have been around for decades," he said. "People with all sorts of conditions are capable of more than you realize."

In six short months, the podcast has hosted guests from the U.S., England, Germany, Australia, and Canada. "If the podcast is about not seeing people for their limitations, then I won't be limiting where they're coming from either," laughed Dykstra.

He shared that while guests come from all spans across the globe, they all have one thing in common: "We all have unique challenges," he shared; whether that be physical, mental, or emotional. Dykstra has interviewed folks with cerebral palsy, gynecomastia, bipolar disorder,



Benen Dykstra started his podcast, Sit Down and Stand Out, to highlight individuals with "unique challenges" around the world. The podcasts air every Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. /Photo submitted

der, depression, addictions, anxiety, and more. "Yes, there are challenges," he said, "but we talk about how we could work around them."

Dykstra shared that the concept of the podcast emerged when he struggled to find work due to his condition. He graduated from radio broadcasting at Durham College in Oshawa, and relocated to the Haliburton Highlands four years ago to join his family.

He said that he has applied to many jobs in the field, but feels as though those hiring struggle to see beyond his wheelchair. "I was frustrated with the opportunities that were available for all types of disabilities," he said. "I may require some accommodations, but that doesn't mean I can't contribute to your business, and help it succeed."

In an attempt to find employment, Dykstra started working alongside Tim Tofflemire, the employment coordina-

tor at Job Quest. This was when the idea for Sit Down and Stand Out began to take shape. "Tim said to me, 'you've got a lot to say, you should do a podcast,' so I started to think about that," he said.

While in college, Dykstra shared that podcasts helped him manage the stressors that come with post-secondary life, and really supported and enhanced his mental health at the time. He had dabbled in trying out a few podcast ideas prior to his

current undertaking, but felt as though they lacked creativity and originality. "I wanted to do something that was new, that other people hadn't done before," he said.

With over three million podcasts available online, the life of a podcaster is far from easy. "If you want to be successful, it's not something that is going to happen overnight," shared Dykstra. He noted that each interview he does requires over five hours of work to edit, resulting in a 20 to 30 minute final take, which is aired at 7 a.m. on Wednesdays in an attempt to bring a little joy and inspiration to listeners in the mornings.

Dykstra finds his guests via a program called "Backstage" which is a talent tracker, or via Instagram influencers. He generally tries to stick to a theme with his guests, and organize interviews months in advance. In April, the theme will be limb difference awareness and autism, to align with the significant dates throughout the month.

While the podcasts take time to facilitate and create, Dykstra said that they are eye-opening to not only listeners, but also to himself and the guests he welcomes on the show. "It's amazing to hear how similar we all are," he said. "We all have these similar passions and challenges, but we all have different ways we've dealt with them."

Sit Down and Stand Out is a free podcast, available on Apple, Spotify, Amazon Music, I Heart Radio, and via Dykstra's website, www.rollingdragonmedia.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS - PROPOSED 60 METRE WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATION C2159

SUBJECT:

60 Metre Self Support Tower

- The facility will include a self support structure within a chain-link fenced compound.
- The compound will also contain a walk-in equipment cabinet housing radio equipment, tools, manuals and first aid kit.
- The site will provide fast and reliable wireless voice and data services within the south portion of the Municipality of Dysart et al and will provide co-location potential, therefore eliminating the need for additional infrastructure in the area.

LOCATION:

1344 Wenona Lake Road, Haliburton, Ontario



Site is located 115 metres north and 80 metres east of the intersection of Bear Paw Road and Wenona Lake Road.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION:

With respect to this matter, the public is invited to provide written comments by May 13th, 2023 to the contact information shown below. Please include a return address.

Public information session will be held virtually on April 25th, 2023, from 6:00 to 7:30pm. Please register using the email or phone number below by April 22nd.

Additional information may be obtained through the following contact:

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- CLUES ACROSS

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 - 4. Fathers
 - 9. Wine grape
 - 14. Al Bundy’s wife
 - 15. Organic compound
 - 16. Venezuelan state
 - 17. Interest term
 - 18. Experts
 - 20. Central cores of stems
 - 22. Smooth and glossy
 - 23. One-time S. Korean city
 - 24. One from Damascus
 - 28. Short message at the end of an email
 - 29. It cools your home
 - 30. Oh, God!
 - 31. Intestinal pouches
 - 33. Men
 - 37. Popular English soccer team (abbr.)
 - 38. Former CIA
 - 39. Arrange in steps
 - 41. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
 - 42. The Great Lake State
 - 43. Dog-_: to mark a page
 - 44. Stop moving
 - 46. Ancient Dead Sea region
 - 49. Of I
 - 50. Clerical vestment
 - 51. Songs sung to a lover
 - 55. Charges
 - 58. Popular design program manufacturer
 - 59. Where to park a boat
 - 60. One who values reason
 - 64. Slang for cigarette
 - 65. Sailboats
 - 66. Actress Zellweger
 - 67. Screen material
 - 68. Country music legend Haggard
 - 69. Puts together in time
 - 70. When you hope to arrive
- CLUES DOWN

 - 1. An involuntary and abnormal muscular contraction
 - 2. Philly’s rail service
 - 3. Leaves a place
 - 4. No longer be a part in
 - 5. Guitar players use them
 - 6. Cease to exist
 - 7. General’s assistant (abbr.)
 - 8. Shaking of the earth
 - 9. Strong winds
 - 10. For each one
 - 11. A bog
 - 12. The creation of beautiful or significant things
 - 13. Affirmative
 - 19. Pie _ _ mode
 - 21. Nonclerical
 - 24. Inspirational football player Hamlin
 - 25. Learning environment
 - 26. Khoikhoi peoples
 - 27. Bring out or develop
 - 31. Shows up
 - 32. Theatrical device
 - 34. Loads
 - 35. Popular Hollywood alien
 - 36. Distinguishes
 - 40. College dorm worker
 - 41. Secondary or explanatory title
 - 45. Resembling wings
 - 47. One who delivers a speech
 - 48. In the middle
 - 52. Loop with a running knot
 - 53. Airborne (abbr.)
 - 54. Beloveds
 - 56. Ordain
 - 57. Breed of small cattle
 - 59. Very small period of time (abbr.)
 - 60. Revolutions per minute
 - 61. They _
 - 62. Longtime ESP anchor Bob
 - 63. A place to stay

Answers on page 8



Clearing the way to another tournament
Lily Manning lunges to hit the birdie while playing a mixed singles game at the senior Kawartha Pre-Qualifying Badminton Tournament held at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Tuesday, April 4.
/VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Ivan Zagorsky and Abby Dykstra came second in mixed doubles at the tournament on April 4.



Liah Gallant serves the birdie.



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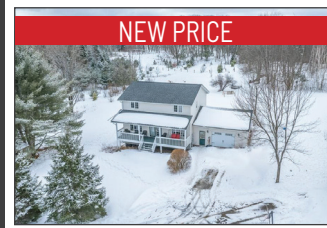
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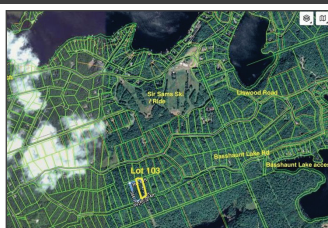
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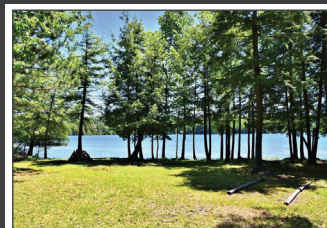
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HHSS students make their mark in Haliburton

VIVIAN COLLINGS
Editor

The picturesque mural of Ritchie Falls canvassing the wall of the entrance at Haliburton Home Hardware is all thanks to a few students from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

With the guidance of local painter Wendy Wood, a Grade 11 art class spent a couple of months learning to mix colours

and practiced landscape painting before presenting Home Hardware with the finished piece.

“The owner envisioned a mural that he hoped would be done by high school students. It totally opened the door, and I just went straight to Wendy Wood, and everything fell into place,” said Kevin Dunlop, paint department supervisor at Haliburton Home Hardware.

From there, Karen Gervais, department head of arts at HHSS, was contacted, and students got to work with Wood’s help.

Each student started with a small-scale version of the painting.

“It got everyone familiar with the area. I provided the photos, and we did sketches,” Wood said. “From that, I had done a sketch to start with, and they transferred the sketch onto the board. From there, we moved it into the back room of the art room, and it probably took about two months to complete.”

Ritchie Falls was the subject matter for the painting because it was a familiar place to both Wood and the students.

The mural is painted on wood panels with acrylic paint, both provided by Home Hardware.

Three students said mixing colours was one of the biggest learning points for them during the process.

“It was very educational. She taught me a lot. With mixing paint, I never would have thought to add blues, and reds, and greens all together,” said Kamryn Holden.

Veronica Beynon said she now uses techniques from the project in her own personal art.

“It was a lot of fun, especially with the opportunity to have a piece of work out in the community,” the Grade 11 student said.



Form 6
SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER
Municipal Act, 2001
Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on April 27, 2023, at the Highlands East Municipal Office, 2249 Loop Road, Wilberforce Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Highlands East Municipal Office, 2249 Loop Road, Wilberforce.

Description of Lands:

1. Roll No. 46 01 601 000 52100 0000; 1930 Glamor Lake Rd., Gooderham; PIN 39233-0140 (LT); PT LT 2 CON 11 MONMOUTH AS IN H136595; HIGHLANDS EAST; File 19-02

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$145,000.00

Minimum tender amount: \$15,145.32

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According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$1,600.00

Minimum tender amount: \$3,168.99

3. Roll No. 46 01 902 000 55900 0000; Highlands East; PIN 39230-0218 (LT); PT LT 28 CON 9 GLAMORGAN AS IN H40836; HIGHLANDS EAST; File 19-08

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$26,000.00

Minimum tender amount: \$6,461.46

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, availability of road access, or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.

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A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

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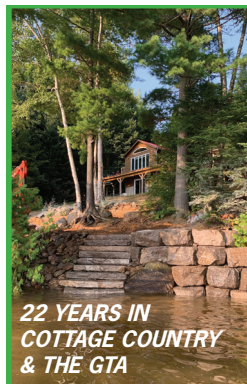
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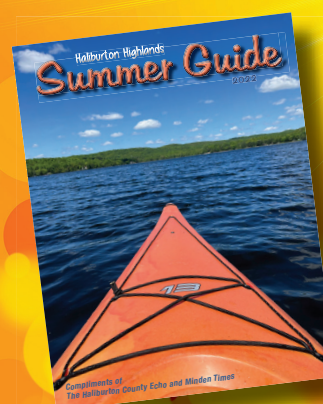
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Conrad Carpenter "Con"

passed away on February 7th, 2023 at the age of 85.



He was born on March 21st, 1937 in Springfield Illinois USA and lived his entire life in Ohio. Conrad graduated with a degree in Business Administration and worked in the nuclear and steel industry until he retired in 1995.

Married to his beloved wife Marie in 1969, the couple spent part of every summer in Haliburton renting a cottage and finally buying a share in Chateau Woodland Lakeside Community Club.

Conrad came to Haliburton as a teenager and after 70 summers fishing the local lakes he thought it was time to "hang up the fly rod". (Con loved to catch bass using a fly rod on Barnum Lake).

He is buried in Cincinnati but his summer love was Canada; especially in the months of July and August (bass fishing time).

At least now there may be some big fish, in the local lakes for others to catch and Marie and I would like donations, in Conrad's memory, to go to the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association Fish Hatchery.

Ben Collings

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Veronika Rohlmann

April 1, 2023

Peacefully, on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at Haliburton Highlands Hospital, Veronika passed away in her sleep with her dear friend Barb Perog by her side.

Veronika is survived by her sisters, Agnes Vogt and Johanna Stemmler, her nieces, Gisela Schulte, Elisabeth Muhlenkamp, Margaret Rohlmann, Martha Muhlenkamp, Patricia Ramaker, her nephews, Michael Vogt, Bernhard Rohlmann, Willi Rohlmann, and Joachim Stemmler.

Born in Munster Germany, Veronica trained to become a registered nurse. She moved to Canada in the 1950s and worked as an RN for over 30 years. Her kindness and compassion touched the lives of many patients. As a cottage owner on Drag Lake, Veronika fell in love with Haliburton and decided to move there from Toronto when she retired. Veronica was an active and deeply loved part of the St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church community for decades. She was a Eucharistic Minister who delivers communion to many shut-ins at Extencicare in Haliburton. She spent countless hours also volunteering for the 4 C's program in Haliburton. She led the Rosary at St. Anthony's church and her devotion to the Blessed Mother was very evident to all. Veronika was the longest-living member of the CWL in Haliburton. She will be dearly missed and cherished by her close friends Allison Hunter, Gina Mazara, Doris Martin, and many others at St. Anthony's.

She was an amazing example of strength, courage, faith, and devotion to her Lord Jesus.

She will be dearly missed by her lifelong friends Theresia Biemann and Margaret Rautenburg, her God daughter Dorothea and Sarah Biemann and her many family members in Germany.

Mass of Christian Burial

Friends are invited to call at **ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA MISSION CHURCH** 27 Victoria Street Haliburton, Ontario on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, for Mass Of Christian Burial at 1 o'clock. Vistation will be held at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. As an expression of sympathy, donations to St. Anthony Of Padua Mission Church would be appreciated by the family.

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Haliburton tournament is now so big it
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Davis meets with PM

County warden
tells Paul Martin
that more money
is needed for
economic
development

Haliburton's Bill Davis and fellow members of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus met with Prime Minister Martin on Parliament Hill last Wednesday.

"We were invited to Ottawa," says Davis, who is warden of Haliburton County, "to continue our joint discussions on developing new proposals aimed at targeting new federal funds for economic development in Eastern Ontario."

"The Prime Minister reiterated his support for improving the economic situation in the East and noted the direct reference in the most recent federal budget to this commitment."

Renfrew County Warden Bob Sweet presented a detailed nine-point plan designed to improve the economies of Eastern Ontario.

The plan included, among other things, small business assistance activities, strategies for developing green and alternative energy products and the creation of a business park infrastructure program.

The Wardens were joined by
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DARREN LUM/Echo

Red Hawks reach provincial finals

HHSS forward Evan Kernohan skates to the slot, dragging a Holy Trinity defenseman behind him during the all-Ontario bronze medal game at the John Labatt Centre in London, Ontario. The Red Hawks captured antique bronze (fourth place).

Eastern ratepayers are on the WATCH

New citizens group wants to be more involved with decision making

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Democracy has become an issue for a group of citizens in Highlands East who want to have input into decisions, or at least a better awareness of them, before they are made by council.

Wardens Attending To Community Happenings, or WATCH, is the brainchild of Janis Cole. She and a group of residents in Wilberforce became frustrated after not receiving information they requested prior to a public meeting in

January about changes to the Wilberforce water distribution system. She and the others decided they wanted to play a more active role in decisions "that could affect our livelihood and enjoyment."

The way WATCH works is that each community in Highlands East will have a volunteer "warden" available to hear about ideas of interest and issues of concern in their area. They will gather and share information and encourage participation by locals in decision making. Jan Simon has taken on

the role in Wilberforce.

The Wilberforce group is hosting an information meeting at the Lloyd Watson Centre tonight at 7 p.m. to talk about the water issue. Highlands East council has received an order from the Ministry of the Environment to reduce the level of uranium in the public water supply and is in the process of deciding how best to do that. Reeve Keith Tallman says the municipality has hired a consultant and is working with the MOE. Public consultations have taken place but he says that

members of the public do not understand the rules the municipality has to follow.

Tallman says people have a right to be interested in the issue but ultimately it is the councillors who are held legally liable for decisions, up to \$10,000 each, so they take the decisions they make seriously. He says in his three decades of local politics, he has not seen a group form quite like this but things have also changed after the amalgamation and the formation of a larger municipality.

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